

Gray, Football, Murder Were Biggest News Year's Ten Top News Stories Were Varied, Full Of Thrills

By Roy Parker, Jr.

For a newshound, the academic year 1949-50 was a good one.

And in its last issue of the year, The Daily Tar Heel presents a brief sketch of Carolina as portrayed in the 10 best news stories to appear in this newspaper in the last nine months:

1. On the fateful night of Oct. 23, 1949, North Carolina's Tar Heels were dropped from the nation's unbeaten gridiron ranks as a football game turned out to be the big news story to start off the year.

Sports Editor Billy Carmichael III flew to Baton Rouge, La., and wired back the following words: "The postmen of Louisiana State rang twice on the goal line of North Carolina tonight and the second time delivered to the Tar Heels the letter edged in black." The score was 13-7.

Late Sunday afternoon the South Building bell began tolling to announce the arrival of the team back in Chapel Hill and the biggest outdoor pep rally to be seen on the Hill in many years turned out to welcome the Tar Heels home.

2. Notre Dame won in spite of the 6-6 halftime deadlock, but the biggest story of the New York weekend occurred Friday night, Nov. 11, when News Editor Roy Parker, Jr., wired from New York:

"They did it.

"Times Square was turned into a little bit of North Carolina tonight and the past conquests of the Tar Heel fan army were overshadowed in the light of one of the most memorable nights in the history of pep rallying."

The rally completely blocked traffic on the Great White Way for more than an hour, and newspapers all over the country carried the unusual story of the Carolina pep rally.

3. The touching story of an orphan from Boystown, Neb., who wanted to go to the Cotton Bowl broke on Dec. 6. Hubert Sutton had bet 38 candy bars on Carolina to beat Notre Dame, and his biggest desire was to see the gridiron classic in Dallas.

Through the generosity of the

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, it looked like Hubert would get his wish. But at the last minute, Boystown officials decided that it would not be wise to let the boy go to the game.

4. The Tar Heels went to their third bowl game in three years, and lost their third in a row. Rice won the heartbreaker, 27-13.

Managing Editor Chuck Hauser made the trek to Dallas and telegraphed back the game story:

"North Carolina's Tar Heels caught fire in the fourth quarter of the Cotton Bowl classic here today for two beautiful 80-yard touchdown marches, but the Owls of Rice Institute held on to a comfortable lead to win, 27-13."

5. On Feb. 7 of the winter quarter, the long-vacant presidential seat of the Greater University was filled when the announcement came from the Board of Trustees that Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray of Winston-Salem would take over in the fall as new head of the Consolidated University to succeed Dr. Frank Porter Graham, who resigned to take a seat in the United States Senate.

6. On the night of March 8, the Student Legislature completed three nights of special session work by approving a brand new Constitution for the student body to approve in spring elections on April 4.

7. "Negro pianist Hazel Scott refused to play her concert in Memorial Hall last night because the audience was segregated — but she appeared on schedule

when the auditorium was closed to all but students," the story read.

The incident occurred the night of March 23, and aroused nationwide interest.

8. On March 30, at a mass political meeting in Memorial Hall, SP presidential candidate John Sanders let loose with a blast against the Publications Board, charging mishandling and waste of money, and intimating graft by publications leaders.

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The blast was the first in a smear campaign intended to bolster the chances of Sanders and the SP in spring elections. Three days later, on the demand of the Publications Board, Sanders apologized, but the smear continued, and Sanders eventually went into office.

9. The first student murder to hit Chapel Hill in the history of the University turned up on the afternoon of Friday, April 7. Managing Editor Chuck Hauser was one of the first witnesses on the scene, and covered the story to its end the next day when the body of the alleged murderer was found in the woods near the Forest Theater, a suicide.

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five times in his private room on Henderson Street. Len Broughton Smithy, an ex-graduate student, was seen leaving the scene of the brutal crime, and was found dead the next morning. Police marked the case closed.

10. Graham Jones, an independent and dark horse candidate for the editorship of The Daily Tar Heel, swept into office April 11 on the wake of the Publications Board smear to upset favorite Chuck Hauser, chairman of the Board and four-year publications veteran.

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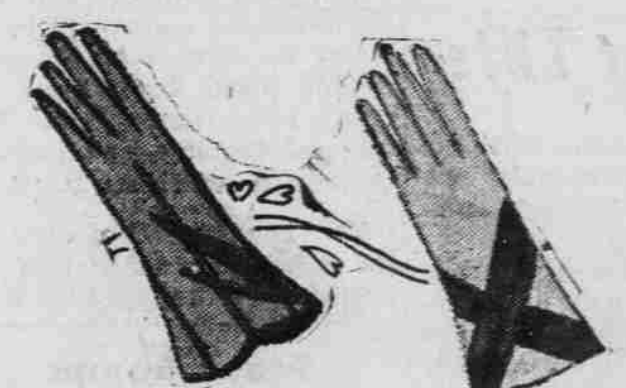
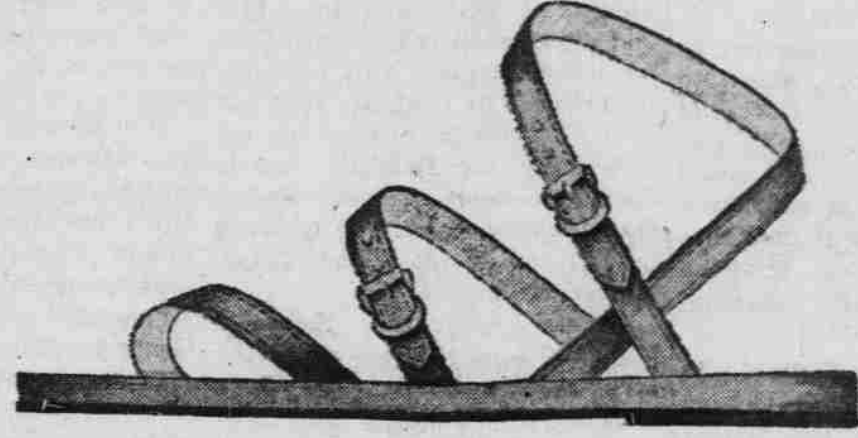
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-Baseball-

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Rabb face a serious rebuilding job. A big graduating loss is Will Hobbs, another three year vet who capped off his collegiate playing days by captaining the present squad and being one of the nine leading hitters.

Right-fielder Ed Lamb also receives his sheepskin as does left-fielder Joe Eldridge, catchers Charley Gurganus and Bull Page and pitchers Doc Gaston and George Whitted.

TAR HEEL HABITS—McGinn and short-stop Joe Brookshire are captains-elect of the 1951 squad. Pitching will present a problem next year with only McGinn tried and tested, but sophomore Roger Paschal may take up some of the slack. Held in reserve most of the year, Paschal impressed with two well-pitched late season stints. Joe Brookshire held the Tar Heel infield together with play of major league calibre. He is a bright spot for the coming year.

Best Carolina win streak came in the late season when the locals ripped off five straight Big Four triumphs.



Cold War! Hot War! Who cares now that the madcap Marx Bros. are here again in the new musical of double-barreled laughs.

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